

**As Adopted by the Senate**

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**S. R. No. 215**

**Senators Reynolds, Roegner**

**Cosponsors: Senators Antani, Brenner, Cirino, Dolan, Gavarone, Hackett,  
Hoagland, Huffman, S., Johnson, Landis, Lang, O'Brien, Romanchuk, Rulli,  
Schaffer, Wilkin, Wilson**

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**A RESOLUTION**

To oppose the proposed constitutional amendment 1  
Issue 1. 2

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF OHIO:**

WHEREAS, On November 7, 2023, an issue entitled "The Right 3  
to Reproductive Freedom with Protections for Health and Safety" 4  
will appear on the statewide ballot as Issue 1; and 5

WHEREAS, Human life is precious and must be protected; and 6

WHEREAS, Health and safety protections for women are of the 7  
utmost importance; and 8

WHEREAS, Parents are the ultimate arbiter of what is best 9  
for their children; and 10

WHEREAS, Issue 1 will undermine human life and enshrine the 11  
right to end life in our state's Constitution; and 12

WHEREAS, Issue 1 ignores Ohio's already existing exceptions 13  
for the life and health of the mother in favor of establishing 14  
the right to abortion-on-demand through all nine months by 15  
allowing for-profit abortion providers to make the final call on 16  
all abortion procedures, standards, and timing; and 17

WHEREAS, Issue 1 will eliminate many, if not all, state laws regarding abortion, including parental notification requirements; the prohibition on abortion by dismemberment; laws preventing painful, late-term abortions; laws disallowing abortion based on a child's characteristics; and laws prohibiting abortions when a child is removed alive during an abortion procedure; and

WHEREAS, Issue 1 may erase parental rights by ending parental notification and preventing parents from being involved in the most important decisions in their child's life, including abortions; and

WHEREAS, Issue 1 would instead allow for-profit abortion providers to pressure children into these decisions behind closed doors and without their parents; and

WHEREAS, Issue 1 eliminates many basic health and safety protections for women, including requiring that abortions be performed in person by a licensed doctor who can transfer a woman to a hospital if something goes wrong during a procedure; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the Senate of the State of Ohio, urge the citizens of Ohio to vote against Issue 1 as a dangerous and irresponsible constitutional amendment that will undermine the current rights and protections of unborn children, women, and parents; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the Senate transmit duly authenticated copies of this resolution to the news media of Ohio.